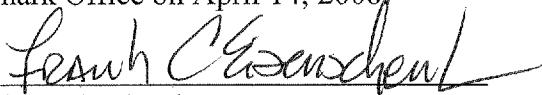


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Sir:

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated March 13, 2008 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 42-47, drawn to a composition of matter encompassed by the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2), with traverse.

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be amended as follows: